

LAKE OF THE WOODS LIONESS

LOW DOWN



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President's Corner

By Lioness Zoila Ortega, LOW Lioness President

Happy Turkey Day

"To lengthen life, lessen thy meal." Profound words written by Benjamin Franklin in 1737 that are totally disregarded during most Thanksgiving celebrations. We have so much to be thankful for, not the least of which is the food on our tables. We are thankful for our health. We are thankful for our faiths. We are thankful for our work or for being retired. We are thankful for our families. We are thankful for our friends. And personally I am thankful for:

- your giving so freely of your time, effort, and friendship
- the enthusiasm you demonstrate and share with me
- how proud I am to be associated with the work we do

I was recently asked why I liked being a Lioness. It is, of course, because "We Serve." But also, it is because, through the Lioness Club, I get to associate and work with all of YOU.

Lesson from our forefathers...



"We must learn to live together as brothers, or perish together as fools."

Dr. Martin Luther King

Agenda

Lake of the Woods Lioness Club

November 10, 2011

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Phyllis Jones

Introduction of Guests

Dinner

Charter Night

Magnetic Therapy Presentation & Demonstration by Candace Sees, R.N.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Announcement of Birthdays

50/50 Raffle

Food Bank Raffle

Adjournment

WHAT DO I BRING CHECKLIST?

Wilderness Pantry—At least 2 food items in a reusable bag or double plastic bag. Especially needed are tuna, side dishes, canned fruit, creamed soups

SAFE House—See pg. 4

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Meetings are held at the LOW Club House on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Social hour at 5:45 p.m.

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The Insider's View

Minutes from the
October 27, 2011
Lioness BOD Meeting

Attending were Lioness board members Mary Altman, Pat Berry, Mary Dee, Carol Lee, Zoila Ortega, Maureen Otero, Michelle Senft, Nora Simpson, Emily Slunt, Beth Sundberg, Ann Walker, Christine Wyant, and Barbara York.

Minutes from the September 22, 2011, meeting had been previously distributed, and the board accepted them as written. Additionally, Secretary Ann Walker reported that she will be representing the club at the District 24-C Fall Conference in Staunton next weekend.

The Treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

President's Report – Zoila Ortega

- Correspondence included a request for MAL status from Jan Lemieux and Madelyn Turley, as well as a request for Affiliate Membership from Janice Wright, all of which were approved. We also received thank you letters from Suzi Weinert, District Governor Pat Isaac and the young boy who was the golf class recipient. Additionally, Lion Larry Eiben met an individual from the Chancellor Lions Club who purchases books; her name will be passed on to our Book Sale Chair, Judi O'Neill. President Zoila Ortega also passed around information on ordering pins that had been given to her by the District Governor.
- A proposal to participate in "twinning" with a Lioness Club in Germany, such as the Lions do, was received with interest and Lion Henrick Thode will be giving us more details at an upcoming meeting.
- The Gift Card Program is moving slowly at present. After a brief discussion, IT WAS MOVED by Ann Walker and DULY SECONDED by Mary Altman that \$500.00 be provided to the program to purchase cards in advance so that they are readily available for members to purchase at meetings. MOTION CARRIED. Sue Merna will be assisting in this effort. Furthermore, it was decided that consideration of promoting the program to other organizations would be postponed until after the first of the year.
- President Zoila Ortega announced that Sue Merna has graciously agreed to serve as a Tamer to assist Tamer Carol Greeney, and she also detailed plans for our upcoming Charter Night.

First Vice President's Report – Carol Lee

- It was announced that \$1,905 had been earned from bridge lessons, with 51 players participating last summer. Bridge Lessons Chair Jan Lemieux requested that \$1,500 of that sum be used for a scholarship for a Lake of the Woods high school senior; however, the allocated amount is \$1,000 and this cannot be increased at this time, as we

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are bound by the budget. The budgeted amount can be revisited at a later date as the next fiscal year approaches.

- With respect to the fund-raising cruise, First Vice President Carol Lee will be placing a pricing explanation in the upcoming *LOW DOWN*.
- First Vice President Carol Lee was pleased to report that we had 76 volunteer hours at the Eyeglass Recycling Center last month; in previous months the average had been approximately 25 hours. Everyone was pleased to see such a dramatic improvement in participation.
- It was proposed that we sell items and advertise the cruise at the upcoming LOW holiday market on December 10. IT WAS MOVED by Ann Walker and DULY SECONDED by Maureen Otero that the Lioness Club purchase a space at the market for \$25.00. MOTION CARRIED.
- The possibility of holding a line dance evening as a fund-raiser was discussed and the club will be approached regarding this concept at the November meeting to determine the level of interest.

Second Vice President's Report – Beth Sundberg

- Inasmuch as Sheltering Arms will close its doors at the end of the month, consideration was given to the reallocation of funds designated for that organization. Several possibilities were suggested, including the Food Pantry, LOW Fire and Rescue, and the Orange Free Clinic. These and other organizations that have been identified and evaluated will be taken under consideration in the near future.
- The Neo-Natal Cap Program has seen further contributions from the members, and it is hoped will continue to grow. Pat Waterworth alone has donated 20 caps to the program and others continue to knit. It was decided that some of the caps would be donated to the Paul Stefan Home as well as to Mary Washington Hospital.

Tail Twister's Report – Nora Simpson

- Tammi Pittman will be our featured program speaker in December and will demonstrate decorating with live greenery.
- With respect to floral costs and any other Lioness expenses, the Treasurers stressed that members be aware of our club's tax-exempt status.

Membership Director's Report – Michelle Senft

- Membership Director Michelle Senft asked if there are any board members sponsoring prospective Lioness Club members and stated that she will seek this information as well from all members through the upcoming *LOW DOWN*.

Directors' Report

- The Directors will hold a meeting next month to plan the December mixer.

Lions Liaison's Report – Mary Dee

- The Lions continue to transport books dropped off at the Velona Building to the Ferris Building, for which we are most grateful. With respect to utilizing the ECC building, we have had no feedback to our request and will try a different approach.

New Business

- President Zoila Ortega stated that due to the vigilance of Treasurers Emily Slunt and Pat Berry an oversight in IRS reporting was discovered that will be corrected by June 2012 via the combined efforts of the LOW Lions and LOW Lioness Clubs.

There being no further business to come before the LOW Lioness Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Lioness Committees & Activities

Eyeglass Recycling Center

By Lioness Carol Lee

We had a very successful month from August 29 to September 29 with a total of 76 hours contributed by you wonderful Lionesses. This is a truly remarkable change in our participation, and I and my committee thank you. The training session on Thursday morning, Oct. 20, was very successful. We will be having more of these training sessions on the new and the older machines that are used to read the glasses. I will keep you informed when these sessions will be held. If anyone has not signed up to work at the Center, we are always looking for more people. We especially need some workers on the fourth Monday morning of the month. We are open every Monday from 9:30 to 11 a.m., the fourth Monday from 1 to 3 p.m., and every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. You can drop in any time. We would love to see you. Thank you again for all your help.

SAFE House Holiday Collection

By Lionesses Sharon Allen, Phyllis Sakole and Betsy Flanigan

Once again we will be holding our annual holiday collection for SAFE House at our November meeting. Please consider donating unwrapped gift items for moms, children, and teens (tax receipts will be available.)

Suggested gifts include:

Toys, books, sticker/coloring/activity books, games, balls and crafts for children;

Nail/bath/hair products, jewelry, scarves, gloves, hats and gift cards (Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart) for moms and teens.

Your generosity means a great deal to these women. Many of them have left home abruptly to escape an abusive situation, and they have little in the way of personal items or small luxuries for themselves or their children.

As always, SAFE House is also grateful for cash donations (please make checks out to S.A.F.E., with "LOW Lioness" in the memo line.)

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

Share and Care

By Lioness Jean Stutz

Lioness Virginia Bayer passed away October 9, peacefully at home. Virginia had been convalescing at Dogwood Rehab Center following surgery. Our sincere sympathy to daughter, Lioness Carol Greeney, and family.

Our deep sympathy to Lioness Betty Girman and family on the sudden passing of Betty's husband, Robert, on October 2.

Our deep sympathy to Lioness Margaret Findell and family on the sudden passing of her son.

Lioness Committees & Activities

Cruise to Bermuda and New England

By Lioness Carol Lee

I have some additional information for those of you who have been thinking about taking the Lioness cruise. Some questions have come up about pricing and I have received some information from Skip Poole about this. Some have gone online and found that the price is cheaper online than what is on our flyer. Skip explains that they reserve a set of rooms and that they prefer to request the upper level and center of the ship as that is what most people like. However, they can accommodate any requests for any type of room. If you prefer another category room in another part of the ship, they can reserve that for you. Also, if you have sailed with Royal Caribbean before and are a preferred client, he can also handle that for you.

Another thing to look for when looking online is whether the price quoted there includes the taxes per person (\$111 each). That usually does not get added until the room is booked and it is included in the price on the flyer. Please also remember that there is a \$50 per person donation to the Lioness Club.

If you have any questions, please call Skip Poole at 972-7354 or if you prefer, you can call me and I will pass any questions on to Skip. My number is 972-8920.

Happy Sailing!

White House Ornaments

By Lioness Gail Hardin

The White House ornaments will be ordered November 8. This year they are \$18. If you would like to place an order, but have not done so, call Gail Hardin at 972-5698, or send an e-mail to gail_hardin@yahoo.com.

Membership News

By Lioness Michelle Senft

I have received questions regarding what has to be done to become a new member of our Lioness Club. The first step is for the potential member to have a sponsor. They need to complete a *Lioness Proposal for Membership Form*, attend two dinner meetings and complete two volunteer sessions. Once the person has completed these requirements, the form is turned into me. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. I carry forms with me to our dinner meetings or you may e-mail/telephone me to receive a form.

Pictures from Lioness October 13 Dinner Meeting



From the Tamers

By Lionesses Carol Greeney and Janice Wright

CHARTER NIGHT

The Lake of the Woods Lioness Club's November 10 meeting will be held at the Clubhouse with a 5:45 P.M. social gathering followed by dinner at 6:30 P.M. If you are unable to attend this meeting, are bringing a guest or need a special meal, please call Carol Greeney at 972-6739 by Sunday, November 6. Please note that this is a set meal, therefore, if you have any special needs, you must let Carol know by the 6th. Also, please remember that "no shows" (members who do not attend and have not called to cancel) and those calling after the deadline will be billed for the dinner. Dinner is \$16.00 and will be a *served* meal.

November Dinner

Caesar Salad
Bread Basket
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Mixed Vegetables
Scalloped Potatoes
Carrot Cake
Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

Twister's Corner

By Lioness Nora Simpson

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims.

Pilgrims are travelers, religious devotees who journey to a shrine or sacred place.

Do you know:

WHO our Thanksgiving Pilgrims were?

WHAT they were seeking?

WHERE they landed in the New World?

WHEN?

Greeters for November dinner meeting

Joann Deem

Jeannie Dietz

***Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.
Helen Keller***

LOW Lioness 2011 Calendar

November 10	Lioness Dinner Meeting
December 1	Lioness Nov/Dec BOD Meeting
December 10	Child Help Holiday Program
December 21	Child Help Gift Wrapping

Happy Birthday Lionesses!

November 2	Jan Lemieux	November 12	Jean Priest
November 3	Barbara York	November 15	Mary Nolan
November 10	Karin Goetz	November 18	Kay Nibert
November 11	Pat Confroy	November 20	Ann Walker
November 12	Laurel Buongiovanni	November 23	Flo Clarke

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

The deadline for submission of newsletters articles for the December LOW DOWN is November 20. Please forward them either by email, or mail to Gail Hardin, (contact information below). For more information, call Gail.

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